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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Living God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As we face a new day, help us to discover the power of resting in You. Send Your spirit down upon the Members of the people's House. Grant them wisdom, insight, and vision that the work they do will be for the betterment of our Nation, and help them to identify and bring to pass policies that will redound to the benefit of our children and grandchildren.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. BRADY of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month and the outstanding work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

It is hard to believe that just over 20 years ago pulmonary hypertension patients were given less than 3 years to live and no treatment options. Today, there are 14 FDA-approved treatments for patients with this rare condition, and they continue to live longer.

I am proud of the work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association and their volunteers and leadership over the past decade and a half, and I am glad to be a small part of it.

My inspiration was a 5-year-old patient named Emily, the daughter of my dear friend Jack Stibbs. Thanks to medical advancements, Emily graduated from Vanderbilt University and is leading an amazing life.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to continue to support critical research efforts to improve the lives of our PH patients.

HONORING REGINALD F. LEWIS

(Mr. CUMMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a native son of Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Reginald F. Lewis.

Let me also acknowledge the presence of many of the Lewis family members in the gallery, including his mother, Carolyn; widow, Loida; daughter, Leslie; and brother, Anthony.

From November 30 to December 1, 1987, 30 years ago, Mr. Lewis negotiated the \$985 million leveraged buyout of Beatrice International Foods. At the time, it was the largest leveraged buyout of an American company's overseas assets, and it led to the creation of what the New York Times identified in 1993 as the largest corporation in the United States led by an African American.

Mr. Lewis' accomplishments changed the face of American business forever and opened new doors of opportunity on Wall Street. His substantial philanthropic gifts have also continued to benefit Baltimore and, indeed, the Nation. They help young Americans of color to dream bigger, and in Lewis' own words, to "keep on going, no matter what."

I invite everyone to join me in celebrating and honoring Reginald Lewis' memory and extraordinary accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING NORTH HUNTERDON WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

(Mr. LANCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important athletic achievement in New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District. The North Hunterdon High School women's cross country team won the State Meet of

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